

### REMARKS

Please amend the claims as shown above. We ask that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims.

Consistent with the telephone conversation between the undersigned and Examiner Chin on December 14, 2006, we included a complete listing of the claims above. Further, as required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.173(d), the markings to the claims showing changes are relative to the earlier issued patent. To comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)(2), we have used the suggested language "once amended," "twice amended," where appropriate. As used above, and further to our telephone conversation with Examiner Chin, a previously presented new claim is indicated as "previously presented," and "once amended" if it has been subsequently amended. Claims being added by the present amendment as referred to as "new."

#### Claim Status

Claims 1-27 and 29-106 are pending, claim 28 is canceled. Claims 1-27 and 29-36 are allowed. Claims 37-95 were added by the amendment filed November 8, 2006, and refiled in a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment filed December 19, 2006. Claims 96-106 are new claims added in the present amendment. Furthermore, in the present amendment claim 37 has been amended to remove a duplicate "the" before "second tooth cleaning element is rotatably disposed within the socket."

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c), support for the new claims relative to the specification in the issued patent (US 6,553,604) is as follows:

Claim 96, see, for example, Figures 1-3, col. 2, lines 28-39, col. 3, lines 20-34 and 44-54, and col. 4, lines 2-4.

Claim 97, see, for example, col. 3, lines 21-23.

Claim 98, see, for example, Fig. 1 and col. 2, lines 36-39.

Claim 99, see, for example, Fig. 3 and col. 3, lines 44-53.

Claim 100, see, for example Fig. 1.

Claim 101, see, for example, Fig. 1 and col. 2, lines 29-43.

Claim 102, see, for example, col. 2, lines 29-32.

Claim 103, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 104, see, for example, col. 3, lines 31-33.

Claim 105, see, for example, col. 3, lines 31-33.

Claim 106, see, for example, col. 3, lines 31-33.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with this Reply.


Fees

A check in the amount of \$825.00 for excess claims fees. Please apply any other required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing 00216-638001.

Respectfully submitted,

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